

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72
2 (As amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, The mission of the Illinois State Toll Highway
4 Authority is to provide and promote a safe and efficient
5 system of toll highways; and

6 WHEREAS, The Tollway, comprised of the Northwest, the
7 Tri-State, the East-West, and the North-South Tollways,
8 consists of 274 miles (1,650 lane miles), 539 bridge
9 structures, 20 mainline plazas, and 47 ramp plazas; and

10 WHEREAS, The Toll Highway Authority reported a
11 \$374,100,000 budget for 2002, consisting of revenue of
12 \$353,900,000 from tolls, \$15,200,000 from interest income,
13 and \$5,000,000 from concessions and other sources, and
14 expenditures of \$180,200,000 for maintenance and operations,
15 \$105,500,000 for renewal and replacement, \$79,700,000 for
16 debt service, and \$8,700,000 for improvements; and

17 WHEREAS, Thousands of Illinois citizens travel the
18 Tollway system on a daily basis and pay the tolls used to
19 finance Tollway operations; and

20 WHEREAS, Given the impact of the Tollway on its users, as
21 well as on the transportation needs of the State, it is
22 important that the management and operation of the Tollway be
23 reviewed to ensure that it is making efficient and economical
24 use of its resources; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
27 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we respectfully
28 direct the Illinois Auditor General to undertake a management
29 audit of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to
30 determine whether the Toll Highway Authority is managing or
31 using its resources, including toll and investment-generated
32 revenue, personnel, property, equipment, and space, in an

1 economical and efficient manner; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the audit shall make recommendations to
3 correct any inefficiencies or uneconomical practices; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That the audit shall, in addition, examine the
6 process by which the Authority collects, transports, counts,
7 and deposits toll collections; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General shall complete this
9 audit within one year of the date of final passage of this
10 resolution; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Authority shall pay for the cost of
12 this management audit; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to
14 the Auditor General and the Illinois State Toll Highway
15 Authority.